

January 8, 2009

TO: Prospective Bidders

RE: Solicitation of Bids: Spring Meadow Lake State Park - Sediment Removal and Stockpiling, Lewis and Clark County, Contract No. 409005

DEQ is soliciting **bids for excavating, hauling, stockpiling of sediment and soil, covering and securing the stockpile, and re-grading the excavation bank slope (Work)**. Work will be located at the East Arm of Spring Meadow Lake located in Spring Meadow Lake State Park located just west of Helena, MT in Lewis and Clark County (Site).

Work is described in the Contract, Standard Specifications, and Drawings (Sheets 1 and 2). **These documents and the Bid Form can be downloaded at <http://gsd.mt.gov/osbs/>.** Select "Department of Environmental Quality" as the Issuing Agency. If you are unable to assess these files electronically, please contact Pebbles Clark, DEQ, at (406) 841-5028 or through email at pclark2@mt.gov to obtain a paper copy.

Interested bidders are requested to evaluate the Contract, Bid Form, Standard Specifications, and Drawings and **submit a completed bid to DEQ by 5:00 P.M. January 20, 2009**. A complete bid will include 1) Bid Form with bid price filled in and signed and 2) Copy of current Montana Certificate of Contractor Registration. All bids not containing these documents will be disregarded.

Sealed bids should be marked "**SEALED BID ENCLOSED CONTRACT 409005**" and sent to:

Mailed:
**Bid Box
Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Pebbles Clark
P.O. Box 6969
Helena, MT 69604-6969**

Hand Delivered:
**Department of Environmental Quality
Remediation Division
Attn: Pebbles Clark
1100 N. Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT**

Interested bidders are encouraged to attend an **onsite walk through which will be held at the Site on January 13, 2009, at 1:30 P.M.** and will last approximately one (1) hour.

DEQ will evaluate the bids and issue a Notice of Award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose bid meets the requirements of this solicitation and has the lowest lump sum price for the Work. Each bidder has the right to examine and inspect all bids submitted.

Within five (5) days after receipt of the Notice of Award (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded), the successful bidder is required to execute and deliver to DEQ a copy of the Acceptance of Notice of Award, all executed copies of the Contract, Certificates of Insurance as required under Article 12(3), and copies of applicable insurance policies.

DEQ reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel this informal bid solicitation, to reject any and all bids, to postpone or refuse to award a Contract, to consider the bid of another bidder, to waive any and all informalities, and to take any other action it deems to be in the best interests of the State of Montana. The reasons therefore will be made part of the file of this solicitation.

Questions about this Solicitation for Bids must be received by the Engineer no later than 12:00 P.M., January 14th, 2009.

Engineer:

Gary Sturm, PE

Tetra Tech EMI

6th and Last Chance, Suite 612

Helena, MT 59601

Phone: (406) 442-5588

Sincerely,



Pebbles Clark

Project Manager

Abandoned Mine Section

Montana Department of Environmental Quality